GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of Health Office of Adjudication and Hearings 825 North Capitol Street N.E., Suite 5100 Washington D.C. 20002

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: I-00-40090 C-00-80010

D.C. COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. And NATHANIEL JENKINS Respondents

ORDER

Two matters are presently pending before this administrative court that relate to Respondents' facility at 210 Van Buren Street, N.W. In Case No. I-00-40090, Respondents have filed a plea of <u>Deny</u> to a Notice of Infraction concerning that facility, and an evidentiary hearing has been scheduled for <u>June 2, 2000</u>. In Case No. C-00-80010, Respondents have requested an evidentiary hearing pursuant to <u>42 CFR 431.153</u> to challenge the District's proposed recommendation for suspension of the Respondents' Medicaid licensure agreement for the Van Buren Street facility. The hearing request in Case No. C-00-80010 was received by the Office of Adjudication and Hearings on <u>May 22, 2000</u>. A copy of the Notice to the Respondents detailing the violations the form the basis of the proposed recommendation for termination has not been furnished to the administrative court at this time.

This administrative court presently does not know whether these two matters arise out of common or similar underlying conditions and facts or whether there are other reasons why it may be advantageous to consolidate them or to treat them as related cases. Consequently, it is

appropriate at this time to have a status hearing to consider that issue and to prescribe any necessary or appropriate procedures for adjudicating these matters efficiently.

Therefore, upon the pending application for a hearing in Case No. C-00-80010, and the entire record in these cases, it is hereby, this ______ day of ______, 2000:

ORDERED, that all counsel of record and any *pro se* parties shall appear for a status conference in these cases on May 25, 2000, at 10:30 AM at the Office of Adjudication and Hearings, 825 North Capitol Street, Suite 5100, Washington, DC; and it is further

ORDERED, that all parties at the status conference should be prepared to discuss: whether these two cases should be consolidated or related; an appropriate hearing date and any other procedural deadlines; the identities of the witnesses in these matters; the documentary evidence that the parties plan to introduce; and any other procedural matters necessary for the prompt and efficient resolution of these cases; and it is further

ORDERED, that, while it is possible that the procedural deadlines and hearing date established in this administrative court's order of May 18, 2000, in Case No. I-00-40090 may be altered as the result of the status conference, the parties should not expect that such alteration necessarily will occur and should be prepared to comply fully with that order absent further order of this administrative court; and it is further

Case No, C-00-80009

ORDERED, that should the Respondents wish to have counsel appear at the hearing, said counsel should file a notice of appearance with the Office no later than <u>5:00 PM, May 24, 2000</u>.

/s/ 5-22-00

John P. Dean Administrative Judge